



# Oldfield School



## Aims and Values

To Inspire.

To learn.

To Succeed

Our ethos has always been the same; to provide an exceptional education.

We provide an environment that challenges all students and fosters ambition.

Our students have respect for themselves, each other and their school and are well prepared to face the world as compassionate, confident and resilient young people.

### **Nature of the school and location**

Oldfield School is a successful, high attaining 11-18 mixed comprehensive with 1040 students located in the historic city of Bath. The school campus is on the outskirts of the north-west of the city and we benefit from a large, semi-rural setting with excellent transport links for students and staff. The school has an attractive, open and dispersed site. A notable feature is the location of teaching rooms and our sixth form in Penn House: an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Georgian manor house.

Our school has an excellent reputation locally and in the wider community for academic excellence and the quality of pastoral care and support. The school has an ability profile which is above the national average, with a significant proportion of very able students. The most recent Ofsted inspection was in December 2012, when the school was judged to be 'Outstanding'. We are fortunate to have a supportive parent body who are actively involved in the life of the school and who have high aspirations for their children.

Oldfield is a school where staff development is an essential feature. The teaching and support staff at the school are an excellent team who work well together to provide opportunities for students to achieve or exceed their potential. The needs of our students are paramount and this is recognised by all staff, who have a common view that only the best is good enough. We have a commitment to sharing good practice in developing leaders, teachers and support staff.

The school has a small sixth form. We offer a wide range of A Level courses and opportunities for our sixth form students and all faculties offer A Level courses. As a consequence, A Level classes are small, which provides a personalised learning experience for our students. We are committed to seeing our sixth form grow, improving facilities for our sixth formers and widening, even further, the curriculum provision that we offer.

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum for Key Stage 3 follows the National Curriculum. All students study two languages (Spanish and French) throughout Key Stage 3. A wide range of courses additional to the core subjects are offered at Key Stage 4. Students are encouraged to study humanities and languages and the great majority do so. There is setting in ability groups in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 where appropriate. Almost all Key Stage 4 examination entries are in GCSEs, Year 10 and 11 students typically study 9 GCSEs although some study up to 11 GCSEs. There is a faculty system with 6 faculties; the Heads of Faculty are line managed by the Deputy Headteacher.

### **Pastoral Care**

Students remain in the same tutor group throughout their school career. There are four Houses with each Head of House responsible for the pastoral care of around 200 students from Years 8 to 11 and there is a Head of Year for Year 7. The pastoral leaders are supported and line managed by an Assistant Headteacher.

### **Resources and Accommodation**

The provision of high quality resources is a priority for the school. There are specialist teaching rooms for all subjects and most teachers have their own teaching room. ICT facilities are excellent with specialist ICT teaching rooms as well as comprehensive ICT facilities in many general teaching rooms. The school is very well maintained, ensuring that learning spaces of the highest possible standard is a priority.

Oldfield School is a fantastic place in which to work. Students are keen and helpful and staff are enthusiastic and dedicated to bringing about the highest quality learning outcomes for our students.